

Launch of the Voluntary Local Review of the City of Amman Workshop

5-6TH OF OCTOBER 2022

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AGENDA

Day 1: Strengthening the Capacities of Local Authorities in developing VLRs	
9:30-10:00	Registration of Participants
10:00 – 10:30	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) Mr. Akram Khraisat, Director of the Amman Urban Observatory (AUO). – United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) Ms. Sukaina Al-Nasrawi, Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio – United Nations Human Settlements (UN-Habitat) Ms. Deema Abu Thiab, National Programme Coordinator – United Cities for Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) Mr. Salim Korkmaz, General Coordinator – Round of Introductions <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Nisreen Al Araj, UNESCWA Regional Consultant on Urban Development</i></p>
10:30-11:30	<p><u>Session 1: Reporting on SDGs Localization: Voluntary Local Review (VLR) Process Overview (The Case of Amman)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Status Quo of reporting on SDGs localization: Zooming into the volumes of VLR guidelines – Ms. Deema Abu Thiab, National Programme Coordinator, UN-Habitat – Local reporting guiding principles and VLR participatory process – Ms. Agata Krause, VLR Technical Lead Consultant. – Data Management for evidence-based VLRs: The Case of Amman Urban Observatory- Mr. Akram Khraisat, Director of the Amman Urban Observatory <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Nisreen Al Araj, UNESCWA Regional Consultant on Urban Development</i></p>
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:45	<p><u>Session 2: SDGs Localization and the Building Blocks of the VLR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Localizing the SDGs: a boost to monitoring and reporting – Global good practices– Mr. Telman Maharramov, Project Management Consultant, SDG Localization and Local Governments, UN-Habitat – Selection of SDGs, progress review, implications for policy, and practice: the case of Amman and a deep dive into the progress review of selected localized SDGs – Ms. Agata Kraus, Ms. Nisreen Alaraj, Mr. Adnan Hassoun, and Mr. Hamza Al Kakoun <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Alia Asad, Urban Planner, UN-Habitat</i></p>
12:45 – 13:45	<u>Session 3: Local Reporting: Challenges, opportunities, and lessons learnt</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enhancing the alignment between voluntary national and local reporting (VNR/VLR) –Mr. Telman Maharramov, Project Management Consultant, SDG Localization and Local Governments, UN-Habitat – Data collection and validation, stakeholders’ engagement and capturing policy implications (connecting data to action) – Ms. Agata Krause, VLR Technical Lead Consultant. – Data collection and validation and stakeholders’ engagement: the case of Amman– Mr. Nasser Qendeel, Amman Urban Observatory. – An overview of the VLR of Agadir, Morocco: Selection of SDGs, Data Collection and Validation and Stakeholders Engagement- Ms. Soukaina Ait El Qadi, Programme Officer, UN-Habitat. <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Sukaina Al Nasrawi, Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio</i></p>
13:45 – 14:00	Summary and Closing
Day 2: Official Launch of the first VLR in the Arab Region: the VLR of the city of Amman	
10:00- 10:30	Registration of Participants
10:30 – 11:30	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) H.E. Mayor of Amman, Dr. Yousef Shawarbeh – United Nations Human Settlements (UN-Habitat) Mr. Erfan Ali, Regional Representative, Regional office for the Arab States, UN-Habitat – United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) Ms. Sukaina Al-Nasrawi, Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio – United Cities for Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) Mr. Salim- Korkmaz, General Coordinator – UN Resident Coordinator in Jordan (TBC) – Presentation of the Voluntary Local Review of the City of Amman – Key Highlights Ms. Agata Krause, VLR Technical Lead Consultant <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Deema Abu Thiab, National Programme Coordinator, UN-Habitat</i></p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:00	<p><u>Panel Discussion: Strengthening the Local-National Policy Development Dialogue: Opportunities and Challenges</u></p> <p><i>The VLR of the City of Amman constitutes a basis and a major milestone in advocating for the commitment and advocacy of the country for strengthening the local-national policy coherence. Its importance lies in taking the proposed actions seriously and implementing them in coherence with national development priorities. This panel will discuss the importance of reporting on SDGs localization as well as, the governance mechanisms and means to foster local-national inter-sectoral development dialogue. It will also discuss how</i></p>



	<p><i>VLRs constitute a core means for accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) Mr. Ahmad Malkawi, City Manager – Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) (TBC) – United Nations Human Settlements (UN-Habitat) Ms. Deema Abu Thiab, National Programme Coordinator – United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) Ms. Sukaina Al-Nasrawi, Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio – United Cities for Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section Mr. Salim Korkmaz, General Coordinator <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Nisreen Al Araj, UNESCWA Regional Consultant on Urban Development</i></p>
13:00 – 13:15	Closing Remarks